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# The Messenger

...the newsletter of Redeemer Lutheran Church

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"Our God given mission is to connect people with Jesus."

"Our vision sees people connected with Jesus through a discipling process that **gathers** them into our fellowship of believers where we are **nurtured** in the Christian faith, as we **go** into our neighborhoods and beyond to do the work of our Lord and Savior."

## All Vacation Bible School Volunteers

There is a meeting for all VBS Volunteers on August 5th at 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. It is very

important that all VBS Volunteers attend this meeting! Thank you for donating your time to help reach out to

the kids in this community with the new that In Jesus, the Victory is Won!



## Outreach Bulletin Board

If you are involved in outreach within the church or outside of the church and would like to add something to the bulletin board in the fellowship

hall to let people know how we are connecting people to Jesus either locally or abroad... Please provide a small write up and a photo or two to

be put up there. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with me. Thanks, Rachelle.

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the coffee service in the narthex (or outside if the weather permits) after the first and/or second service during the summer. This is a

great opportunity to connect with your Redeemer family after the service and also welcome our visitors! If you are interested in helping for either service please contact Anita Diederer.



## Summer Meals - Kids on the Go Summer Feeding Program

Sponsored by Fredericksburg Food Bank - Kids on the Go Summer Feeding Program is in need of volunteers at their Salem

Church Library location from June 21 – Aug 24, Tues, Wed & Thurs from 11:30-1:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer,

please contact LaToya Brown at labrown@fredfood.org for details. There are also locations in Caroline and Stafford Counties.

## H.E.L.P Thank You Breakfast

Please plan to attend a special breakfast prepared by H.E.L.P. ministry (Sharon Evenson, Linda Petermann) for Sunday, August 6th at 9:00 am to thank all the many volunteers who have contributed food

or other resources to the funeral reception ministry at Redeemer. Many families have been blessed by this personal touch over the years at a time of crisis in their lives. We are grateful to the tireless

volunteers who have contributed their time, food, set up, clean up, financial gifts and other particular gifts to make a difference for someone else during a time of grief and loss. **Everyone is invited.**

## Did You Know

- \* Jacob has finished his classes for his Masters Degree. He is now working on his paper and recital for next summer. Good Job Jacob!
- \* Visitors to Redeemer are welcomed at our visitor table. They also receive welcome notes through the mail. Thank you, Bobbie Mullinax.
- \* Out with the old...in with the new....keep an eye in the narthex for the new monitor that will give you information and the worship services.
- \* Have you met our new administrative assistant? Tonaka Gary is a great asset to Redeemer and greets all with a smile. Welcome Tonaka.



## Engaging the Community

On Thursday July 27, 2017, Vicki Diehr came into the church to thank Redeemer Lutheran Church for coming into Old Country Buffet on Rt. 3. She stated that her and her husband Randy appreciated us coming in and loving on them. She wanted to inform us of her husband's passing. Randy died on June 23, 2017. On June 28, 2017 they would have been married 37 years. She asks that we keep her and her family in prayer.

## A Word of Encouragement

This summer as we are in the midst of coming and going; whether for work or vacation, let us be mindful of our travel. We would ask God to grant each of us travel mercy. Also, that we would give and receive kindness in each place we visit. Be encouraged today and always!



## Stewardship Corner

Jesus said, *"Freely you have received, freely give"* (Matthew 10:8). Be grace, God enables our giving, and, as He strengthens our faith and changes our hearts, we can give generously. Giving expresses our gratitude to God for Who

He is and what He has done for us through His Son, Jesus. When our giving becomes important to us, we may not be able to buy or do things because our desire to give may force us to say, "No." However, we don't see

our doing without or doing with less as being a sacrifice. Because God is the love and joy of our lives, our giving becomes a privilege rather than an obligation.



**This Week at a Glance**

- Friday, July 28th** - RAAI - 11am  
- AA - 7pm
- Saturday, July 29th** - Ladies Tea - 1pm
- Sunday, July 30th** - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am
- Monday, July 31st** - Bible Study - 7pm  
- Boy Scouts - 7pm
- Wednesday, August 2nd** - Bible Study - 10:30 am  
- Art Group - 2:30pm
- Thursday, August 3rd** - RAAI - 11am
- Friday, August 4th** - RAAI - 11am  
- AA- 7 pm
- Sunday, August 6th** - Worship Services - 8am & 10:45am  
- H.E.L.P. Thank You Breakfast - 9am  
- Financial Peace - 1pm



**This Week's Birthdays!**

- August 1st** - Jennie Nette
- August 3rd** - Melissa Bronz  
- Mya Douglas  
- Michelle Smith
- August 4th** - Tony Malm



- August 5th** - Ray Ann Johnson  
- Dusty Newchok  
- Eric Weiland
- August 6th** - Angie Thorpe

**This Week's Anniversaries**



happy anniversary

- July 30th**- L. J. & Teresa Cerritelli (29 Years)
- July 30th**- Kirk & Tracy Hymes (34 Years)



# July / August 2017

## Details of Events

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

28 RAAI 11am  
 AA 7pm  
 29 Preschool Board 8:30am  
 VBS Meeting 9:30am FH

• The Ladies Tea will be held on July 22nd from 1-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

30 Worship 8am & 10:45am Ushers, Greeters, Readers Training 9:30am

31 Boy Scouts 7pm  
 Bible Study 7pm

2 Bible Study (Potluck) 10:30am  
 Art Group 2:30pm  
 Elder's 6pm

3 RAAI 11am

4 RAAI 11am  
 AA 7pm

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• There will be no bible study on August 9th

6 Worship 8am & 10:45am

7 VBS 9am  
 Boy Scouts 7pm  
 Bible Study 7pm

8 VBS 9am

9 No Bible Study  
 VBS 9am  
 Council Meeting 7pm

10 VBS 9am

11 VBS 9am & Closing Ceremony 7pm

12 Stewardship & Finance 9:30am

• VBS will be held August 7th-11th

H.E.L.P. Thank You Breakfast 9am  
 FPU 1-3pm

13 Worship 8am & 10:45am  
 VBS Closing Ceremony 9:30am  
 FPU 1pm

14 Boy Scouts 7pm  
 Bible Study 7pm

15 Ladies Night Out At Vinny's 6:30 p  
 Comp. Friends 7pm

16 Bible Study 10:30am  
 Art Group 2:30pm  
 iNeighborhood 6:30pm

17 RAAI 11am

18 RAAI 11am  
 AA 7pm

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20 Worship 8am & 10:45am  
 Homemade Ice Cream Contest & Social after 2nd service

21 Boy Scouts 7pm  
 Bible Study 7pm

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23 Bible Study 10:30am  
 Theology on Tap 7:30pm

24 RAAI 11am

25 RAAI 11am  
 AA 7pm

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**Acolytes**

**Early**

**July 30th** - Stephanie Biscamp/Sarah Lewis  
**August 6th** - TBD  
**August 13th** - TBD  
**August 20th** - Joshua Vigil  
**August 27th** - TBD

**Late**

**July 30th** - Rachel Ward/ Walker Berndt  
**August 6th** - Walker Berndt/Aiden Koehler  
**August 13th** - Ethan Schwenzer/Johnny Hinz  
**August 20th** - Lucas Woollard/Rachel Ward  
**August 27th** - Louis Wiltenmuth/Jonah Unruh

**Lay Readers**

**July 30th** - (E) Shannon Sullivan Hard(L) Diane Jenkins  
**First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9**  
**Epistle: Romans 8:28-39**  
**August 6th** - (E) Laurie Mayer (L) Mike Mullinax  
**First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5**  
**Epistle: Romans 9:1-5**  
**August 13th** - (E) Randy Mayer (L) Candace Wiltenmuth  
**First Reading: Job 38:4-18**  
**Epistle: Romans 10:5-17**

**August 20th** - (E) Mariann Dawgert (L) Devon Montgomery  
**First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**  
**Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32**  
**August 27th** - (E) TBD (L) Maeve Montgomery  
**First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6**  
**Epistle: Romans 11:33-12:8**

**Ushers**

**Early**

**July 30th** - Mike Evenson, Randy Mayer, Dave Allen, Tom Church  
**August 6th** - Tom Church, Mike Evenson, Jason Biscamp, Mike Eastman  
**August 13th** - Dave Allen, William Lewis, Sam Henley, Richard Rush  
**August 20th** - Frank Misemer, Dave Allen, Mike Weiland, Rob Hybl  
**August 27th** - Gary Parker, David Bye, Randy Mayer, Mike Diederer

**Late**

**July 30th** - Ken Elam, John Wiltenmuth, Marcus Woollard, John Sullivan  
**August 6th** - John Wiltenmuth, Adam Tisdale, Kirk Hymes, Douglas Berndt  
**August 13th** - ROMANS  
**August 20th** - Berner Johnson, Craig Nehls, Josiah Koehler, John Overbey  
**August 27th** - John Sullivan, Rich Gasperoni, Chris Koehler, Time Moles

**Men's Ministry Breakfast for Thurman Brisbane**

**August 26** - Karl Fehrman, John Garner, Joseph Hibbs, Jeff Hoedt

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If you are unable to usher, please arrange for your replacement or contact Craig Nehls (540-972-2477). Additional Ushers are always welcome. Contact Craig if you're interested in becoming one.  
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**August Lead Elders:**  
**(E) Tom Church (L) Mike Diederer**



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## Love Through Faith

### Scripture Reading:

*"Increase our faith"* (Luke 17:1-10).

What is it that precedes the disciples' request of Jesus to increase their faith? It is Jesus command to count others so precious as to avoid putting any kind of temptation in their paths. It is His command to love others so dearly that they would forgive without limit.

How is this possible? If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that, in and of ourselves, we cannot follow these commands. Then we, like the disciples, must ask of our Lord, "Increase our faith."

How does Jesus respond to their request? He assures them that even faith as small as a mustard seed can accomplish great things. It is God Who gives the faith, and it is God Who gives us the ability to act on it. It is God Who gives us the love through faith that sacrifices our own desires for the good of others, love through faith that knows no limit, love through faith that serves instead of asking to be served.

It is faith that gives us such love for God and our neighbor that we serve and help and give without thought of reward, so that we "when [we] have done everything [we] were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty'" (Luke 17:10).

## School Supplies

We will be collecting school supplies beginning in August. Please contact Rachelle Moles